
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 27, 1868.

Mr. RAMSEY asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice, referred the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To regulate trade between the United States and the British North American provinces, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That whenever the President of the United States shall re-
4 ceive satisfactory evidence that the governments of British
5 North America, interested in the provisions hereinafter set
6 forth in this act, have passed laws on their part to give full
7 effect to the said provisions, he is hereby authorized to issue
8 his proclamation, declaring that he has such evidence; and
9 thereupon, from the date of such proclamation, the fol-
10 lowing articles, being the growth, product, and manufac-
11 ture of said provinces, formerly known under the names
12 of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland,
13 and Prince Edward's Island, shall be admitted into the
14 United States when directly imported, at a duty of five per

15 centum ad valorem, to wit: Grain, flour, and breadstuffs of
 16 all kinds; animals of all kinds; fresh, smoked, and salted
 17 meats; cotton wool; seeds and vegetables; undried fruits;
 18 dried fruits; fish of all kinds; products of fish and all other
 19 creatures living in the water; poultry; eggs; hides, furs,
 20 skins, or tails, undressed; stone or marble in its crude or un-
 21 wrought state; slate; butter; cheese; tallow; lard; horns;
 22 manures; pitch, tar, turpentine; ashes; timber and lumber
 23 of all kinds, round, hewed, and sawed, unmanufactured in
 24 whole or in part; fire-wood, plants, shrubs, and trees; pelts;
 25 wool; fish oil; rice; broom corn and bark; maple sugar;
 26 gypsum, ground or unground; hewn or wrought or unwrought
 27 burr or grindstones; dyestuffs; flax; hemp and tow, unmanu-
 28 factured; unmanufactured tobacco; rags; agricultural imple-
 29 ments of all kinds; and all articles of manufacture not in-
 30 cluded in this list, where the said articles are manufactured
 31 from products actually the growth or product of the country
 32 so manufacturing them, being the British North American
 33 Provinces aforesaid: *Provided*, That similar articles, the
 34 growth, product, and manufacture of the United States, shall
 35 be admitted into the said Provinces of British North America,
 36 at a rate of duty not higher than the duty imposed by this
 37 act upon similar articles when imported into the United States
 38 from the Provinces aforesaid: *And provided further*, That all

39 export duties upon any of the above enumerated articles shall
40 be abolished and cease to exist.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the use and
2 privilege of navigating the waters of Lake Michigan by citi-
3 zens of Canada, the same rights and privileges are to be con-
4 ceded to the citizens of the United States by Canada, in the
5 waters of the Saint Lawrence and its canals, as are enjoyed
6 by British subjects, without distinction as to tolls, and charg-
7 ing rates proportioned to canal distance : *And provided*, That
8 for the free transit of goods, wares, and merchandise in bond,
9 under proper regulations, by railroad, across the territory of
10 the United States to and from Portland and the Canada line,
11 equal privileges shall be conceded to the United States from
12 Windsor or Port Sarnia, or other western points of departure,
13 to Buffalo or Ogdensburgh, or any other points eastward :
14 *And provided further*, That the free ports in Canada shall be
15 abolished.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all the rights
2 of fishing near the shore, existing under the treaty with Great
3 Britain of eighteen hundred and fifty-four, known as the
4 reciprocity treaty, shall be granted and conceded by the United
5 States to the said Provinces of British North America : *Pro-*
6 *vided*, That the same rights and privileges of fishing as existed
7 and were understood to exist under the said treaty shall be
8 granted and conceded by the said Provinces to the United

9 States in every respect, including the shore fisheries of the
 10 waters of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, and the waters and shores
 11 of Lakes Ontario, Erie, Huron, and Superior; with full privi-
 12 lege to the citizens of the United States to fish for or take,
 13 dry, and cure, any fish of any kind whatever within three
 14 marine miles of any of the coasts, bays, creeks, or harbors
 15 whatever of British North America, the same as is enjoyed
 16 by citizens of British North America, and without distinction
 17 as between citizens of the United States and of British North
 18 America as to dues or other regulations and restrictions.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That no part of this
 2 act shall go into effect unless and until all the stipulations and
 3 concessions herein provided are mutually agreed to by the
 4 said governments of British North America, and are mutually
 5 and reciprocally enforced by the said governments of British
 6 North America as well as by the United States. And upon
 7 the failure or neglect of the said Provinces of British North
 8 America, or any of them, to give effect to any of the reci-
 9 procal provisions of this act, either as regards the mutual
 10 admission of articles the natural growth and product of each
 11 country, as heretofore enumerated, the free navigation of the
 12 Saint Lawrence and the canals thereof, the freedom of the
 13 fisheries, or any other provision herein contained, which
 14 depends upon a mutual agreement, concession, or privilege,
 15 by the said Provinces to the United States, then the provis-

16 ions, concessions, and requirements of this act shall be held to
17 cease and be of no effect so far as the said Province or Prov-
18 inces are concerned ; and public notice to that effect shall be
19 at once given by proclamation of the President of the United
20 States ; the true intent and meaning of this act being, that it
21 shall only apply to those Provinces of British North America
22 which mutually become parties to its provisions, by such
23 reciprocal legislation as may be necessary to give them effect.